

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-01854-ABJ**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Assigned to: Judge Amy Berman Jackson  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 08/07/2018

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

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**Defendant**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
08/07/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5626473) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons for U.S. Attorney for DC, # <u>3</u> Summons for U.S. Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons for U.S. Department of Justice)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 08/07/2018)
08/07/2018	<u>2</u>	LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 08/07/2018)
08/09/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Amy Berman Jackson. (zsb) (Entered: 08/09/2018)
08/10/2018	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zsb) (Entered: 08/10/2018)
08/16/2018	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 8/14/2018. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 9/13/2018.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 08/14/2018., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 8/14/2018 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Cristina Rotaru)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 08/16/2018)

09/13/2018	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Michael Joseph Gerardi on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Gerardi, Michael) (Entered: 09/13/2018)
09/13/2018	<u>6</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Gerardi, Michael) (Entered: 09/13/2018)
09/14/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. The requirements of LCvR 16.3 and Rule 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure appear to be inapplicable. Defendant shall file a dispositive motion or, in the alternative, a report setting forth the schedule according to which it will complete its production of documents to plaintiff on or before October 12, 2018. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 09/14/2018. (lcabj3) (Entered: 09/14/2018)
10/12/2018	<u>7</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Gerardi, Michael) (Entered: 10/12/2018)
10/12/2018		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the parties' joint status report <u>7</u> , it is ORDERED that the parties shall file a further status report by October 19, 2018. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 10/12/18. (DMK) (Entered: 10/12/2018)
10/18/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/19/2018. (tb) (Entered: 10/18/2018)
10/19/2018	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT ( <i>Second</i> ) by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Gerardi, Michael) (Entered: 10/19/2018)
10/30/2018		MINUTE ORDER. The parties must submit an updated joint status report by December 7, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 10/30/2018. (lcabj3) (Entered: 10/30/2018)
12/07/2018	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 12/07/2018)
12/10/2018		MINUTE ORDER. The parties must submit an updated joint status report by January 21, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 12/10/2018. (lcabj3) (Entered: 12/10/2018)
12/26/2018	<u>10</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Stay <i>Forthcoming Processing Deadlines In Light of a Lapse of Appropriations</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Gerardi, Michael) (Entered: 12/26/2018)
12/28/2018		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>10</u> Unopposed Motion to Stay. The government must file a notice within two days of the resumption of operations and it should include a proposed revised schedule if one is necessary. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 12/28/2018. (lcabj3) (Entered: 12/28/2018)
01/29/2019	<u>11</u>	NOTICE BY DEFENDANT TO THE COURT OF RESTORATION OF APPROPRIATIONS by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Gerardi, Michael) (Entered: 01/29/2019)
01/30/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the government's notice <u>11</u> , the stay in this case is hereby lifted and the parties must submit a joint status report with a proposed processing schedule by February 5, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 01/30/2019. (lcabj3) (Entered: 01/30/2019)